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1. EAST GERMAN PRESS AUGUST 20 PROMINENTLY REPORTED STOPH'S AUGUST 19 ARRIVAL MOSCOW IN COMPANY OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SCHUERER AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCE-MENT, STOPH WAS MET AIR AIRPORT BY KOSYGIN, BAYBAKOV, DEPUTY MINISTERS BYKOV AND RODINOV, AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE, INOZEMTSEV. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION TENDS TO SUPPORT ANNOUNCE-MENT'S CONTENTION THAT STOPH IS IN MOSCOW ON "WORKING VISIT". INASMUCH AS SCHUERER IS GDR'S COUNTERPART TO BAYBAKOV IN PLANNING AREA, VISIT MAY WELL CONCENTRATE ON COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC PLANS.
- 3. AT SAME TIME, STOPH'S TRIP TO USSR WHILE HONECKER ALSO THERE (REF A) HAS FED SPECULATION THAT QUESTION OF ULBRICHT'S SUCCESSOR WILL ALSO BE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT STOPH HIMSELF IS LEADING CANDIDATE FOR JOB (REF B).KLEIN

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